

THE FERNANDINA RECORD.

AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN ONE-THIRD IN THE SHIPPING OF FERNANDINA'S PORT IS THE RECORD FOR THE YEAR 1907, AMOUNTING IN VALUE TO THE IMMENSE SUM OF \$13,382,973.

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FIVE HOUSES BURNED AND FOUR DEATHS

AS RESULT OF EARLY MORNING FIRE
IN SOUTH FERNANDINA.

Man is Rescued, But Died in Little While.
The Woman and Children Were
Burned to a Crisp.

A fire which occurred about 3 o'clock Tuesday morning, in South Fernandina, near the Seaboard shops, destroyed five houses and burned to death a colored man, his wife and two small children.

At the time of the fire there was a strong northwest wind blowing, and the buildings being frame were soon swept away. In the house where the fire originated there were sleeping a man, his wife and two children, who failed to awaken until completely surrounded by the flames, and then, in their frantic endeavor to escape were overcome by the heat, and the woman and two children perished near the door. It seems that the man never awoke and was pulled from his bed through a window by parties who answered the alarm of fire. He was horribly burned about the face and hands, but lived until the following afternoon.

It is evident that the people who were burned were new-comers here as their names could not be learned even from some of their nearest neighbors.

The scene of the fire was beyond the protection of the fire department, and nothing could be done to check the flames. Five houses were destroyed, the one in which the lives were lost being a two-story frame place, two to a colored man named Pullum, another to Gus Dorsey and another to a man named Taylor.

We failed to learn as to the insurance but it is believed there was none on any of the property.

Later.—The report to the effect that the man who was rescued from the burning building died later was untrue. He is still alive at this writing with slight chances of recovery.

IMPORTANT REAL ESTATE DEAL.

The Erection of a Very Handsome Residence
in Contemplation.

Through Fernandina's enterprising real estate agent, Col. G. L. Baltzell, a sale has been consummated of the seven valuable lots (25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31) in the southeast corner of block 45, adjoining the Yulee residence, to Nathaniel B. Borden, the largest exporter of lumber from this port. Colonel Borden contemplates the erection of a very handsome residence on the property in the near future. These lots have been considered the most desirable in the city for the much needed hotel.

NASSAU CAMP U. C. V.

Held Meeting and Elect Officers for the
 ensuing Year.

At a meeting of the members of the Nassau Camp United Confederate Veterans, held last Sunday the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Commander, R. K. Boyd.
First Lieutenant, O. B. Murray.
Adjutant, W. H. Garland.

At the same meeting Messrs. J. C. Smythe and C. G. Mann were selected as representatives of the Camp at the reunion to be held in Birmingham next May.

Several applications were received at the meeting for membership in the camp.

BODY FOUND ON CUMBERLAND BEACH

Was That of a White Man, and Was Badly
Decomposed.

A letter received by Dr. J. L. Horsey from Mr. W. E. Page, manager of the Carnegie estate, tells of the finding of the body of a man on Cumberland Island beach on Friday, March 6. The following report was made by Mr. Page to the Camden county officials:

"On March 6th, near high water line, on the sea beach of Cumberland Island, Ga., about two miles north of Stafford Shoals was found the body of a white man between twenty and forty years old, about 5 feet 6 inches tall, of medium weight, with thick hair of reddish brown color. The body was greatly distended, and the face mutilated and decomposed. Death must have occurred at least eight or ten days before above date. The body was clad in cheap greyish white underclothing, cotton shirt, trousers and vest of dark mixed pattern, not matched, and laced black shoes with single soles. A belt of suspender webbing was around the waist. The only articles in the pockets were a briar pipe with curved rubber stem, and a bunch of greasy waste.

"The body was buried immediately after examination, near the place where it was found, about fifty yards from high water line. The undersigned, assisted by Samuel Bealey, and two colored men, August Taylor and J. A. George, made the examination and burial.

"W. E. PAGE, Manager."

A pretty home wedding was that of Mr. Joseph Whitsett and Miss Ruth Prescott, which occurred at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Prescott, at their beautiful residence on North Sixth street, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. E. W. Way of the Presbyterian church officiated, using the ring ceremony.

The parlor where the ceremony was held was beautifully decorated with vines, cut flowers and potted plants.

At the appointed time to the strains of the wedding march played by Mrs. D. G. Humphreys the bride's mother entered accompanied by her son-in-law, Mr. H. O. Burroughs, of Jacksonville, followed by the bride leaning on the arm of her father. Next entered the groom with his uncle, Mr. Martin, who was best man, followed by the maid of honor, Miss Pauline Burns, of Clarksville, Ga.

After the wedding an informal reception was held for half an hour. The party then proceeded to the depot, where Mr. and Mrs. Whitsett took the 4 o'clock train for a trip of several days down the East Coast.

Upon their return they will go at once to housekeeping on Sixth street, where everything is in readiness for their reception.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Prescott, a prominent and wealthy family here, and by her affable nature and sweet disposition has won the highest esteem and warmest friendship of all who know her.

The groom has been a resident of Fernandina for the past two years, being the manager of Strachan & Co., phosphate and naval stores shippers here, and is a capable and hustling young business man. The couple have the best wishes of a host of friends for future prosperity and happiness.

INTEREST INCREASING IN TRUCK FARMING

EXPERIENCED MAN FROM ISLE OF
PINE WANTS TO LOCATE HERE.

Fine Opportunity for Establishment of Experimental Farm Which It Was Thought
Well to Start Near Here.

As going to show the interest taken in the Record's articles on trucking and fruit-growing on this island, Mr. Samuel A. Swann has received another letter from the Isle of Pine, West Indies, written by Mr. William C. Black, in which the writer states that, in the capacity of superintendent, he has been engaged for three years in the grafting and setting out of orange trees on 500 acres for the colonists, who have settled near McKinley, the town from which he writes.

Although doing well there, his family "cannot there enjoy American privileges," while he does not wish ever to live in the Northern climate again; hence his idea is to compromise on Fernandina, and enter upon the cultivation of vegetables and fruit as a market gardener.

As his means are limited, however, he asks if there is a possibility of getting employment on adjoining farms as a means of support while his own farm is being made productive. Now, this opens up the subject of the experimental farm, which (as an advertisement of the possibilities of Amelia Island) it was thought well to start near this city. It is most likely that Mr. Black, with his Northern and Isle of Pine experience for the small experimental farm suggested. The Record would then again suggest that a company be formed for the purpose of securing about ten acres of good land near the city, and that Mr. Black, or some other reliable man, be paid to cultivate and develop the tract upon modern scientific principles.

Such a farm, if a success, would bring to this island dozens, and possibly hundreds, of families to make many hundreds per cent. the better of the town.

Merchants and others, Fernandina, take hold of this new idea. It will grow to great proportions and prove more profitable to the business you are now upon from railroad employment.

There is not a more reliable business than the cultivation of soil, and those who engage as a rule, permanent residents of the community, and therefore the settlement of financial and honest in their dealings with their fellowmen.

HONOR ROLL

Fernandina High School
Ending March 6.

Townsend Weimar, Treasurer, Raymond Wolf, Agnes Ford, Mammie Vance, Clara LeWay, Edmund Murphy, Waas, Adaline Hirth, Della Swearingen, Carolyn Weston Emley, Peary Crounch, Virginia Vaughn, Pauline Williams, Albert Hirth, Paul Oxford, John Clark, Kendra, Selma Bradshaw, DeFee, Mattie Cummins, Crouch, Pearl Swearingen, Bailey, Iva Braddock, Braddock.

Musical Department:
Elizabeth Carroll, Alice McGiffin, Ruth Beth Borden, Annie B. Jones and Myrtle S.

STEAMSHIP ROSTOCK LEFT PORT WEDNESDAY

HAD ON BOARD RECORD-BREAKING
CARGO FOR THIS PORT.

Bound for Hamburg via Norfolk for Coal—She
is an Elegant Vessel With a
Fine Crew.

The big German steamship, Rostock, left port Wednesday morning with a record-breaking cargo of naval stores and phosphate loaded by the enterprising firm of J. G. McGiffin & Co.

The Rostock is one of the regular Austria-Hamburg lines, and her trip to this country is out of her ordinary line. She was originally chartered for Fernandina-Savannah, but owing to her great draft, and the advantages of Fernandina's deep water over Savannah she was sent to Savannah first, where she loaded 1,900 tons of miscellaneous cargo with which she arrived in Fernandina on Wednesday of last week, drawing 19 feet and 9 inches. The Savannah cargo was loaded on top and mid-ship, which made the loading here very inconvenient, having to be loaded in the hold around the first part of the cargo. Notwithstanding this inconvenience in loading, the vessel was just one week to the day.

The Rostock left port carrying 1,900 tons of miscellaneous, 1,000 tons of naval stores and 3,500 tons of phosphate. She passed over the bar with a draft of even 26 feet before and aft on a falling tide. She carried probably the largest cargo that ever left this port on a single vessel, and broke all previous records in depth of draft. This merely demonstrates that our harbor is sufficient to accommodate any freight vessels that traverse the seas, and it is the knowledge of this fact that brings these monster ships to our port.

The Rostock is bound for Hamburg via Norfolk for coal. She is a vessel with a gentlemanly crew, and we wish her and her men safe and smooth traveling to the journey's end.

McGiffin & Co. are to be congratulated upon their good judgement in securing the services of this excellent vessel, and the manner in which the cargo was placed in so short a time.

HEAVY LOSS SUSTAINED BY FIRE.

Mr. B. K. Richardson's Saw Mill at Nario
Destroyed Saturday Night.

Mr. B. K. Richardson, of Nario, sustained a loss of more than \$20,000 Saturday night about midnight by the destruction by fire of his large saw mill, including a planing mill and dry kiln, and it was only by seeming fortune out of misfortune that his house and lumber yards were not destroyed. There was no means for fighting the fire, and necessarily it was allowed to run its course, but, luckily, the wind was blowing in such a direction as to drive the flames from the residence, and the yards where the greatest part of the lumber was stored, which otherwise would also have been destroyed.

Mr. Richardson stated Tuesday that owing to the extreme high rate of insurance he had concluded to take the risk, and therefore had no insurance whatever upon the property. He places the loss at about \$22,000.

In response to expressions of sympathy over his great loss, Mr. Richardson said it was only one of those misfortunes to which man is subjected, and there was nothing else to do but to begin again and trust to better luck next time. A sensible view to take.

BOTH DREDGES WORKING NICELY

Work of Deepening Harbor Going Rapidly and
Satisfactorily Ahead.

The big North American dredge is progressing with its work of deepening the upper part of the harbor to the satisfaction of those engaged in the work. The dredge began operations in the extreme south end of the harbor, and has worked its way northward to a considerable distance below the Hill docks. At this juncture the pipe used for conveying the dirt ashore gave out, and while awaiting the arrival of more pipe the dredge has turned back toward the starting point. The width of the first cut was 150 feet, and it was the intention of the dredging company to make three cuts of about 150 feet in width from the starting point to the terminus of the work, but, as stated above, a lack of pipe interfered with the original plans, and the dredge is now working back to the starting point.

The Dredge Cumberland, at work on the bar, is said to be doing excellent work, and will probably finish there much sooner than it will take the North American dredge to complete the work it has to do.

DEATH OF MRS. ANNIE LEDDY.

On last Tuesday, March 10, about 11 o'clock a. m. death visited our city, and removed from our midst one of Fernandina's oldest and most highly esteemed women by claiming for his victim Mrs. Annie Leddy, who, after a long life, succumbed to the ravages incident to old age, and passed peacefully into that great beyond, where the righteous reap their eternal reward.

Mrs. Leddy was the widow of Maj. Thomas Leddy, who died many years ago. She was the mother of Mrs. J. J. Kelly, with whom she had lived for several years, and at whose home she died. Her surviving relatives besides Mrs. Kelly are Mrs. Charlotte Powers, of this city, a sister and several nieces and nephews in Northern States.

For many years Mrs. Leddy was proprietress of the Florida House, and in this way was not only known by the people of Fernandina and Nassau county, but had an extensive acquaintance throughout Florida. She was still owner of the Florida House property at the time of her death.

Mrs. Leddy was seventy years of age a short time ago, and up to a year ago had enjoyed better health than the average person of her age, but about that time her health began to fail, and during the last six months of her life she grew constantly worse until death relieved her of her suffering on last Tuesday.

She was a devout member of the Catholic church, and died fortified by the faith and doctrines of that church. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Father O'Brien, at St. Michael's church, at 10 o'clock, Wednesday, and the burial was in the Bosque Bello cemetery.

The pall bearers were as follows: Messrs. W. B. C. Duryee, G. L. Baltzell, A. P. Murphy, J. Geo. Suhrer, P. R. Brady and J. F. Mularkey.

NOTICE.

The corner stone of the New Zion Baptist church, corner Tenth and Centre streets, will be laid Sunday, March 22, at 3 p. m., and we ask our friends, both white and colored, to be present. A liberal donation is asked from each one to enable us to meet the demands that are upon us.

Respectfully,
P. A. CALLAHAM, B. D.,
Pastor.

BUSY SCENE ALONG OUR WATER FRONT

FEW SHIPS GOING AND COMING, BUT
MANY IN PORT.

Bright Prospects for an Excellent Showing
in Shipping During the Month
of March.

British Steamship Craigard, Captain Hadden, arrived Wednesday from Baltimore and is loading phosphate, etc., for Mess. Strachan & Co. Schooner Frederic A. Dugan, Captain Coombs, arrived Wednesday from Charleston, and is loading tin for New York. She is consigned to J. R. Hill.

British Steamship Easty, Captain Puckey, arrived yesterday from New York, and is loading phosphate. She is consigned to Messrs. Strachan & Co.

Schooner Wm. H. Sumner, Captain Small, arrived from New York yesterday, and was towed up to Crandall to load cargo Yellow Pine Lumber.

Schooner Henry Weiler, Captain LaBlanc, sailed yesterday for New York with cargo of Yellow Pine Lumber, consisting of 313,000 feet Hirsch Lumber Co. the shippers.

British schooner Advance sailed yesterday for Havana.

British Schooner Evadne, Captain Collins, finished loading Wednesday, and is waiting on crew. She is bound for Havana.

The German Steamship Rostock, Captain Parrau, sailed for Hamburg via Norfolk Wednesday.

Norwegian Steamship Otta will arrive from Jacksonville during the day, complete cargo of yellow pine lumber from that port, valued at two million feet from W. A. Evans is the agent.

Belgian Steamship Iris, Captain Thiriar, sailed from Hull, March 6 for this port.

British Steamship Clivegrove is chartered for general cargo.

British Steamship Southfield is chartered for general cargo.

WILL MAKE GOODS SATISFACTORY.

R. H. Jones Co.'s Tailors Guarantee Every
Article Sold.

The following letter from Ed. V. Price & Co., Merchant Tailors of Chicago, to their representatives, the R. H. Jones Co., is self explanatory, Read it!

"R. H. Jones Co., Fernandina, Fla.:
Gentlemen.—If any of the coats we made for your customers during the past year have not held their shape or the linings have not given satisfactory wear, we request that you send the coat and we will make a front satisfactory by either putting in a new front or making a new coat, and if the linings have not given satisfactory service we will be pleased to reline free of charge. Yours very truly,
E. V. PRICE & CO."

GAVE A GOOD ENTERTAINMENT.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Lenten season is on, and many of our people do not attend amusements, the Beggar Prince Opera Company played to a good-sized crowd at the Lyceum Monday night, and the performance was excellent, according to the opinions of many who were present. The women were pretty, the men handsome, the costumes elegant and the acting good. The play was the adventures of Fra Dia Volo and his band of robbers, who, after the perpetration of many diabolical crimes, met death at the hands of a squad of soldiers, who had long been in pursuit of the desperadoes.